Encouragement *to* Alcohol Based Industries

1235. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has developed a capacity for the manufacture of about 1500 million litres of alcohol in a year, whereas the toal consumption is about 750 million litres only and therefore Government have decide^ to allow export it in raw form;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to encourage alcohol based industries to utilize the surplus alcohol; and

(c) what are the norms laid down for allocation of alcohol to alcohol based industries and the names of the authorities which are making such allocation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS- (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Additional capacities for alcohol-based chemical industries have been licensed to utilise the sur plus alcohol.

(c) Allocation of alcohol to alcohol-based industries is made by the con cerned State Governments, mostly by Excise/Industries Commissioners/ Department as per the norms laid down by the State Governments. Inter-State allocations from surplus States to deficit States are made by the Central Government,

Death of a Patient at AIIMS

1236. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the "Indian Express' (New Delhi) dated 14-12-1990 captioned 'Drug that induced neve: ending sleep' according to which a patient, Shri V. K. Dutta had adverse reaction to anaesthesia given to him on 6. 12. li»0 in AIIMS, which resulted in lus death;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident and the number of such cases reported during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to hold any enquiry to find out the quality of drugs supplied in order to eliminate sub-standard drugs from AIIMS; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the incident are given in statement. No such incident were reported by AIIMS during the lest 2 years. However j the complica tions were noticed in 2 more cases but they were not final. (See below)

(c) and (d) An enquiry has already been initiated by AIIMS to go into the details of! the matter and the report of the enquiry is awaited.

Statement

Details of Cases

One Mr. V. K Dutta, 3© years Male was brought to AIIMS Casualty on 6. 12. 90 at about 11. 45. He was a case of fracture of the Potella following a fall before 25 hours. The patient was unable to walk and he was taken up for emergency surgery in the evening around 7. 20 P. M. on 6. 12. 90. Dr. Akshey Mehra, Sr. Resident under the supervision of Dr- S. Bhan was to perform the surgery.

The patient had a displaced fracture and a tension band wiring was done under spinal anaesthesia using sensoricain (0. 5 per cent) Heavy.

The anaesthesia team consisted of the following doctors: —

1. Dr. Sushma Ahlawat, Sr. Resident.
2. Dr. Manoj, Jr. Resident.
3. Dr. Rashmi Borda, Jr Resident.
4. Dr. Ravi Saxena, was on cover.

During the surgery after about half an hour cardiac arrest accured to the patient. Vigorous rescuscitation measures were started including external cardiac message. The patient was resuscitated, he developed spontaneous respiration. Patient was subsequently shifted to ICU on the 8th floor and expired at about 2. 40 A. M. on 13. 12. 90. The vial o'f sensoricain which was used for spinal anaesthesia and all the vials of the batch were sealed for analysis.

A doubt has arised about the possible reaction by the Anesthetic Drug, so the vial of the Inj. Sensoricain 0. 5 per cent Heavy of the same batch was sealed and sent for analysis. In the meantime Prof. H L. Kaul, Prof. & Head of the Deptt, of Anaesthesiology has informed the Medical Supdt. the suspicion on about the quality of drug (Inj. Sensorcaine 0. 5 per cent Heavy).

As per the result of analysis received from Radicure pharmaceutical t Pvt. Ltd. (Analytical Division) Okhla, New Delhi a laboratory approved by the Government Of India for the test purpose, the sample submitted complies with the prescribed standard of quality.

This medicine was Qrst introduced at AHMS on 1. 8. 90 as a subsitute of Inj. Mercain on the recommendations of Prof. H. L. Kaul by mid. December and the Institute have consumed about more than 400 Injections for spinal Anaesthesia.

The following actions were taken immediately on receipt of information about the incident: —

(i) All the Drug supply of Sensoricain—Spinal (Heavy) supplied by M/s. Astro-IDL (Batch No. 06002) was withdrawn from circulation.

(ii) Instructions were issued immediately to the Delhi Drug Control Administration asking them to draw samples of the drug for test from AHMS and carry out neces-ary investigation and telegraphic instructions were issued to all State Dpug Controllers asking them to withdraw from the market Sensoricain batch No. 06002 manufactured by M/s. Astra-IDL, Bangalore. The manufacturer of the drug were also asked to withdraw the drug from the market.

(iii) Samples of the drug have also been sent to the Government recognised laboratory for analysis and testing. l

(iv) All the relevant papers and case sheets have been sealed for custody.

Improvement in the Functioning of Hospital in the Capital

1237. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will Hhe Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently paid a surprise visit *to* Sa'fdarjang Hospital;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discrepancies detected;

(c) whether it is a fact that the patients in the Hospital do not get proper treatment or medicines; and

(d) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of the hospitals in the Capital?